

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image reading apparatus having a structure in which:

a sheet having an image formed thereon is
5 nipped with a conveying rotary member and biasing rotary members,

the biasing rotary members being in contact with the conveying rotary member; and

the sheet is conveyed along the conveying
10 rotary member to an image reading position opposed to a lowermost point of the conveying rotary member so that the image is read with an image reading means,

said image reading apparatus comprising pressing means which are arranged in an axial
15 direction of the conveying rotary member for pressing the sheet against the image reading position,

wherein a tread of the conveying rotary member and surfaces of said pressing means opposed to the reading means are colored white.

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2. An image reading apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said pressing means are arranged on both sides in the axial direction of the conveying
25 rotary member.

3. An image reading apparatus according to

claim 1,

wherein said pressing means each have a guide surface which guides the sheet.

5 4. An image reading apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said pressing means are pressed against the image reading position by biasing means.

10 5. An image reading apparatus according to claim 1,

said pressing means are formed of an elastic member.

15 6. An image reading apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the biasing rotary members are disposed on an upstream side and a downstream side of the image reading position, respectively.

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7. An image reading apparatus according to claim 6,

wherein the biasing rotary member on the upstream side has a diameter smaller than a diameter
25 of the biasing rotary member on the downstream side.

8. An image reading apparatus according to

claim 1, further comprising:

a sheet-like original reading mechanism which has the conveying rotary member, the biasing rotary members, the pressing means, the reading means, a
5 sheet glass which is disposed in the image reading position and an upper surface of which the sheet passes, and discharge means which discharges the sheet conveyed by the conveying rotary member and the biasing rotary member; and

10 a book-like original reading mechanism which has a platen glass, on which a book-like original is mounted, and a platen bringing the book-like original into close contact with the platen glass, and is capable of reading the book-like original as the
15 reading means moves under the platen glass.

9. An image reading apparatus according to claim 8,

wherein the platen has a discharged sheet
20 stacking section, on which a sheet discharged by the discharge means is stacked, on an upper surface thereof.

10. An image reading apparatus according to
25 claim 1, further comprising:

sheet stacking means on which a sheet having an image formed thereon is stacked;

sheet conveying means which conveys sheets on
said sheet stacking means; and

separation means which separates the sheets
conveyed by said sheet conveying means one by one.

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11. An image reading apparatus according to
claim 10,

wherein said separation means comprises a
separation roller and a friction member which nip to
10 separate the sheets one by one.

12. An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image reading apparatus which reads an image
formed on a sheet; and

15 image forming means which forms the image read
by said image reading apparatus on a sheet,

wherein said image reading apparatus is the
image reading apparatus according to any one of
claims 1 to 11.

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